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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of European Patent Publication No. 1 646 073 A1, issued in corresponding Patent Application No. EP 03762869, as listed in the attached Form PTO/SB/08A for the Examiner's consideration.


This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application, but prior to a Final Office Action or issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or issuance of any other action closing prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, the fee of \$180.00 is enclosed herewith.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with the present submission of the enclosed documents. Accordingly, consideration of

the enclosed documents, during examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 Case: 520.44257X00).

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